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1. Cement

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a. Production¹

Cement production in East Germany in 1953 amounted to 2,448,233 metric tons. Planned 1954 production is 2,620,900 metric tons.

b. Exports

During 1953, 450,000 metric tons of cement were exported of which 220,000 tons went to satellite countries and the remainder to other countries, particularly to the Near East. Of 690,000 tons planned export of cement during 1954, contracts have been signed for the export of 680,000 tons, of which 250,000 are scheduled for export to Satellite Countries and the remainder to the rest of the world.

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2. Bricks and Tilesa. Production

In 1953, 1,921,800,000 standard size bricks were produced. Production of tiles totalled 318,100,000 standard tiles (Bibereinheiten). The 1954 plan provides for the production of 2,145,700,000 bricks² and 313,200,000 tiles. The draft plan for 1955 (Kontrollziffern) proposes the production of 2,363,100,000 bricks and 336,500,000 tiles.

b. Distribution

Present allocation of brick production in 1954 includes the following³:

Soviet forces and Ministry of the Interior	175,000,000
Wismut A.G.	16,000,000

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Ministry of Building Construction
Ministry of Railroads

430,000,000
37,000,000

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3. Plate Glass

Plate glass is produced at present at only one factory in East Germany, VEB Flach-Glaswerk Aken (Elbe). Production here amounts to 22,000 square meters a year.

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for 1954, however, amount to 120,000 square meters, so that there is a shortage of plate glass to a total of 73,000 square meters. To provide for future requirements of plate glass, it is planned to construct a factory at Osmannsdorf (sic)⁴ with a production capacity of 100,000 sq. m. per year. Construction will begin in 1956; production probably will not start before late 1957.

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1. The cement production figures are believed to be more accurate than those given in VEB Farbenfabrik Wolfen, which is not included in the production figures is the only cement plant not under the direct control of the Ministry of Construction; its production of cement as a by-product has been undertaken only recently on a major scale. Source states that planned cement production during the first half of 1954 was 98.5 per cent fulfilled.

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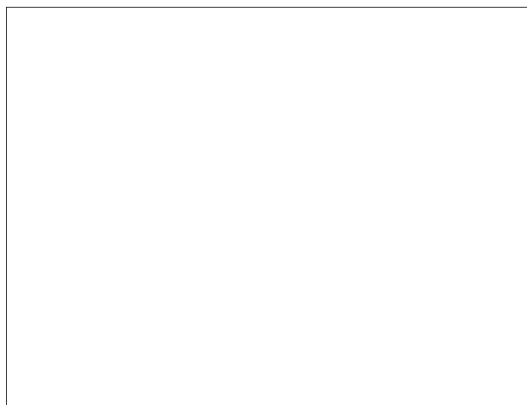
2. Source states that the production of bricks in the first six months of 1954 was only 86 per cent of the planned production.

3. The remainder of the brick production has been allocated chiefly to locally controlled building firms.

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4. Source states that Osmannsdorf is located near Senftenberg.

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APPENDIX A

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	1953 Production and 1954 Planned Production of Cement (in metric tons)								1954 Total
	Total Cement Production 1953	Portland 425	Portland 325	Portland 225	Iron Portland 325	Iron Portland 225	Blast Furnace 225	Gypsum Slag 225	
VEB Kalk-, Zement- und Betonwerke Ruedersdorf	491,772		8,500			220,000	270,000		498,500
VEB Huettensementwerk Ost Stalinstadt							(282,000)		(282,000)
(Fuerstenberg/Oder)	194,308						240,000		240,000
VEB Zementwerk Hienburg	506,897		410,000		100,000				510,000
VEB Zementwerk Nietleben	156,486				135,000				135,000
VEB Zementwerk Goeschwitz	260,779		225,000		(150,000)				(150,000)
VEB Kalk- und Zementwerk Gloethe	90,777		70,000	20,000					225,000
VEB Zementwerk Unterwellen- born	190,484								90,000
VEB Zementwerk Bad Berka	86,348						215,400		215,400
VEB Zementwerk Schwanebeck	86,574		75,000	12,000				100,000	100,000
VEB Zementwerk Karpdorf	243,200	12,000	238,000						87,000
Berlin/Rummelsberg	60,254								250,000
VEB Farbenfabrik Wolfen	17,020			100,000	80,000				80,000
VEB Kalk- und Zementwerk Steudnitz	63,334						(90,000)		(90,000)
Total	2,448,233	12,000	1,026,500	132,000	235,000 (250,000)	300,000	815,400 (767,400)	100,000	2,620,900

NOTES: A. In the original 1954 plan, Steudnitz was scheduled to produce 90,000 tons of blast furnace 225 cement. When it was announced that Steudnitz would be given over entirely to the production of fertilizers, the two factories at Fuerstenberg and Nietleben, increased their targets by 12,000 tons and 15,000 tons respectively. It was hoped that over-fulfilment of planned production in other factories would account for the remaining 43,000 tons,² so that the total planned production of 2,620,900 tons still stands.

B. The Wolfen plant produces cement as a by-product of the production of sulfuric acid.

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APPENDIX B

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1953 Production and 1954 and 1955 Planned Production of Brick and Tile
(given in millions of units)

	<u>1953 Production</u>	<u>1954 Planned Production</u>	<u>1955 Planned Production</u>
I Bricks:			
Full bricks	1,484.1	1,619.4	1,772.0
Hollow ceiling bricks	86.7	112.1	124.1
Other hollow bricks	183.9	226.2	267.0
Sand-lime bricks	161.7	179.2	190.0
Other special bricks	<u>5.4</u>	<u>8.8</u>	<u>10.0</u>
Total	1,921.8	2,145.7	2,363.1
II Tiles:			
Flat tiles	129.7	94.7	114.0
Pantiles and ridge tiles	171.9	211.8	215.0
Other special tiles	<u>16.5</u>	<u>6.7</u>	<u>7.5</u>
Total	318.1	313.2	336.5

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